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Search for Killer Widens

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 wood Rd., had gone out of the house Monday afternoon about 2 p.m. and was being sought by her mother.
 She was joined by Mr. and Mrs. Francis S. King, of 26502 Dunwood Rd., after Mrs. King noticed the search.
 "I think this is important, we'd better help," Mrs. King told her husband.
 After the 20-minute search,

Mrs. Wetzel asked if anyone had checked the Thurmond residence next door. The Thurmond residence at 25467 Dunwood was empty at the time, the Thurmonds being away for the afternoon.
Mother Screamed
 King told officers that Mrs. Wetzel screamed after entering the back door of the residence.
 "There's a man in the house and he's got a knife and a gun," she screamed.

King said he rushed up to the door and was met by a youth armed with a .22 automatic and a kitchen knife.
 "Come in the house or I'll kill you," the youth told King.
 When King sought to calm him, the lad slammed the door and ran back in the house. Sheriff's deputies were called then to investigate.
 Deputies theorize the suspect fled through the rear yard of the Thurmond home about the time the first Sheriff's car arrived in front of the building a few minutes later.
 Officers searched the house

but failed to find the child and it was on a second search, spurred by the belief of Mrs. Wetzel that the child must be in there, that the bruised and nearly nude body of the victim was found under covers of a bed.

Pronounced Dead
 An ambulance rushed the girl to Hillside Emergency Hospital in Lomita, but she was pronounced dead on arrival.

An immediate block of all exits to the area was established by police who rushed in from Torrance, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes, and the come in from a wide South-Lennox, Firestone, and Norwalk sheriff's stations.

A Sheriff's Aero Squadron helicopter was pressed into the hunt and more than 100 officers converged on the area to track down the suspect.

Following identification of the suspect Tuesday, reports come in from a wide Southland area where he was reported to have been seen.
 The search even led into Nevada and Arizona.



FOR 25 YEARS . . . Y. F. Hammatt, chief director of recreation at Normandale Park, inspects the diamond pin he received for 25 years of service with the Los Angeles City Dept. of Recreation and Parks. (Herald Photo)

HAMMATT RECEIVES PIN FOR 25 YEARS' SERVICE

Y. F. Hammatt, chief recreation director at Normandale Park, has been awarded a 25 year diamond pin from the Los Angeles City Dept. of Recreation and Parks.
 Hammatt, who has worked for the city department since 1929, was given the pin Tuesday by Ernest Ehrke, district recreation director. The service award was made on behalf of the Los Angeles City Recreation Commission.
 The local director, who is

active in 4-H volunteer work also holds a life membership in the Optimists given him for organizing 17 junior Optimist clubs.
 He has been at Normandale Park for the past three years. Attendance at the organized play program has grown phenomenally during this time.
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